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The National Democracy is shivering with apprehension. If Butler should carry Massachusetts—

PENNSYLVANIA should come back to-day by a fair majority. The indications, though not strong, point in that direction.

Governor JACKSON has done well to pardon the Berkeley county man. This time money and public policy go hand in hand.

The Duke of Castle Monte, not Three-Card Monte, has been captured. Off with his head! The other fellow is harder to beat.

The Hamiltonian Advertiser seconds the nomination of Governor JACKSON for the Presidency. The INTELLIGENCER moves to make it unanimous.

To-day Massachusetts is to say whether she is a free Commonwealth or a Butler borough. The answer is of great importance to Massachusetts.

At the time draws near Mr. Randall's chances are quoted as being considerably off. His protectionist leaning is a nauseous dose to his party.

New York is a good deal mixed. That she will go Republican this year is more a matter of hope than belief. Republican apathy rarely carries a doubtful State.

The INTELLIGENCER is favored with the opinions of leading journalists in the most important of the States that vote to-day. Being on the spot in each case their views are better than our own.

To His EXCELLENCY, Benjamin F. Butler, Governor of Massachusetts: Sir: I can not afford to have you grace into the National Convention with the Bay State ticket to your cost.—Samuel J. Tilden.

REPUBLICAN defeat in New York this year would not make certain a Democratic triumph in that State next year. And the same applies with even more force to Pennsylvania, which is less likely to go that way to-day.

The Chairman of the Pennsylvania Republican Committee expects a Republican majority of 15,000. The Chairman of the Democratic Committee expects a Democratic majority of 6,000. Somebody is 21,000 out of the way.

Is the opinion of the New Dominion Morgantown has natural gas beyond a peradventure. If this be true the development of gas will speedily develop a railroad, and it may be more than one. The experiment is worth making.

At this precious moment Mr. Tilden is "all ears" excepting a quarter section set off for ears. If the Republicans carry New York and Butler doesn't carry Massachusetts, that brings the nomination to your Uncle Samuel on a silver salver if he wants it.

CONGRESSMAN McCULLOUGH, of Pennsylvania, has written to Mr. Ban H. Hardy, of this city, to go over the meridian line between Pennsylvania and West Virginia and reset the stone, it having been ascertained by an officer of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey that in one case at least a variation of three-and-a-half feet occurs. It was to this part of the work that Captain John Chipley, of Hardy county, was to give his special attention for a compensation of six dollars a day and expenses. The West Virginia Legislature appropriated \$4,000 for this survey, Pennsylvania as much, and the whole amount will be exhausted before the boundary question shall have been settled. In fact the appropriation is virtually exhausted now, and the east and west line is only a mile and a half beyond Cheat river. The next Legislature will be asked for another appropriation, and that will be a good time to come in with another request, to wit: for an investigation. The people ought to know what has become of their money, whether it was frittered away, or whether it was expended on a necessary blunder. At all events if the people have to pay for a junket they ought to know in advance what kind of a junket it is going to be.

These correspondents are beginning to tell of the gathering of the Mormon lobby in Washington. There is nothing unusual about this, though the lobby of Latter Day Saints may be gathering in unusual force. It is an old scandal that the Saints send to Washington a plentiful supply of money to prevent hostile legislation, and that their efforts have not always been unavailing. The country expects that Congress will do something this winter to cure the defects of recent legislation, which has done something, but has been of greatest service by showing what can be done with more stringent laws.

In Utah we deal with religious fanatics led by shrewd, unscrupulous men, able to command large sums of money and ready to use money without stint to save "the church." When the Mormon delegate Cannon was in Congress he was commonly believed to be, and openly denounced as the paymaster of a strong lobby which won over Congressmen and prevented legislation. Though no longer in the House Cannon is again in Washington, and he will be able to do his tribe some service. But in spite of the Mormon lobby Congress cannot much longer delay to take the bull by the horns.—The Mormon Church is in open rebellion against the authority of the United States, and rebellion, whether it be purely political or a hush of lecherous religion and politics, must be taken by the throat. If bloodshed is to come it may as well come now as later.

TO-DAY'S ELECTIONS.

SOME BIG BATTLES TO BE FOUGHT

In the Most Important States—Republicans Hopeful in New York—Butler's Defeat Predicted—Pennsylvania Said to be Good for Ten Thousand Republican Majority—New Jersey.

By Telegram to the Editor of the Intelligencer.

New York, November 5.—We fear that Maynard, the head of the State Democratic ticket, may be defeated because of his impopularity among liquor sellers, and the candidate for Treasurer will have a close run. The rest of the Democratic ticket will have about 15,000 majority.

THE SUEZ.

Hopeful but not sanguine.

New York, November 5.—The campaign closes with Republicans more hopeful than they were a fortnight ago. We shall carry the Senate and probably the Assembly. On the State ticket it will be a great victory if we reduce last year's adverse majority of nearly two hundred thousand to twenty thousand, and we may do better than this.

THE THUNDER.

PENNSYLVANIA PROSPECT.

Not Much Doubt of the Success of the Republican Ticket.

By Telegram to the Editor of the Intelligencer.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., November 5.—Every sign indicates that the Republican majority on the State ticket in Philadelphia will be from 8,000 to 12,000. The Democrats will probably come to this city 2,000 to 3,000 ahead, leaving a Republican majority in the State of five thousand to ten thousand. In the city contest Page, reform candidate, will be elected Controller.

CHAS. EMORY SMITH, Editor of the Press.

Probable Republican Majority.

By Telegram to the Editor of the Intelligencer.

PHILADELPHIA, November 5.—With both parties claiming the State it is not easy to make a prediction. The majority will be very small either way. The Republican candidates will probably be elected by from 3,000 to 5,000.

THE TIMES.

Both Sides Confident—The Probability of Abbot's Election.

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MUSIC IN THE AIR.

The War Between Abbey and Mapleson Over the Cincinnati Season.

New York, November 5.—Col. Mapleson said to a reporter of the Evening Post to-day about the dispatch announcing the engagement of Abbey's artists for the season of opera in Cincinnati: "It will give that festival or else there will be no music in Cincinnati this year. I don't care whether we go there or not, but at least Abbey shall not go in my place. This attempt to underbid at Cincinnati is all of a piece with the rest of opposition I have met with this year."

According to Colonel Mapleson the first proposal for a festival in 1889 did not meet the approval of George Ward Nichols, who agreed to it only on condition that Col. Mapleson should assume the risk of the experiment. An agreement was finally arrived at, and embodied in the contract was that the Col. would meet the cost of all local expenses and pay over two-thirds of the receipts to Col. Mapleson. A clause of the contract provided in case the experiment proved a success all future festivals of the kind should be held under Col. Mapleson's direction. The festival was a success, and was repeated in 1881, and again last year with satisfactory results. This year, however, the College of Music through Col. Nichols has signed a contract with Abbey for one week's use of his singers, orchestra and chorus, thus ignoring Col. Mapleson's contract. Col. Mapleson has a dispatch from Nichols this morning, said Col. Mapleson, "offering to give me the Festival if I will take less than two-thirds of the receipts. I have refused. You see they are trying to play Abbey against me, but there is no display of wealth or accumulated honors."

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A STATESMAN AT REST

FROM THE ANNOYANCE OF POLITICS.

The Country Home of James G. Blaine—The Change that Has Come Over Him Since His Retirement from the Cabinet—Happy with His Work and His Friends.

PHILADELPHIA, November 5.—A correspondent of the Press writing from Augusta, Me., says: Almost under the shadow of the old-fashioned State House sits an unpretentious frame house, which for years has been the most important building in the place. It is the home of James G. Blaine. A real home, I mean; the roof tree to which he always turned when tired of the flame of public life and weary and worn with the exactions of office. It is a quiet place, outside even of what little bustle there is in this country town. Before it there are, on the opposite side of the road, beautiful groves of shade trees, and beyond broad fields stretch away for miles, through which a gentle curve sweeps the beautiful river, the Kennebec. Mr. Blaine's house is large enough for comfort; sits in a good-sized yard, and has very pleasant surroundings. It is simply a neat country house, such as a gentleman in war times might have chosen to keep. It is a simple, but built long before his own time, and represents only the ambition and accumulation of his early life. As he was good enough then, it is hard to be sufficient now, and there is no display of wealth or accumulated honors.

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